

# HOUSE BILL 97

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By: **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Hotel Room Tax – Convention Center Promotion**

3 FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date provisions requiring that for certain  
4 fiscal years certain amounts measured by proceeds from a hotel room tax  
5 imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated to a certain association for certain  
6 purposes; and generally relating to hotel room taxes and convention center  
7 marketing and tourism promotion in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 The Charter of Baltimore City  
10 Article II – General Powers  
11 Section (40)(e)  
12 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

16 Article II – General Powers

17 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to  
18 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of  
19 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and  
20 in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of  
2 said Constitution and Public General Laws:

3 (40)

4 (e) (1) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 1997 but before  
5 [July 1, 2012,] **JULY 1, 2017**, the Mayor and City Council shall appropriate from its  
6 General Fund to [the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association] **VISIT**  
7 **BALTIMORE** specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion an  
8 amount equal to at least 40% of the proceeds of any hotel room tax imposed.

9 (2) If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to  
10 paragraph (1) of this subsection is less than the amount required when compared to  
11 actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the difference shall be added to the  
12 appropriation to be made for the second succeeding fiscal year. If the appropriation  
13 made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection is more than the  
14 amount required when compared to actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the  
15 difference may be deleted from the appropriation to be made for the second succeeding  
16 fiscal year.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 June 1, 2012.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.